

*Definitive Technology*<sup>®</sup>  
The Leader in High-Performance Loudspeakers<sup>®</sup>

# Mythos<sup>™</sup> Solo XL

“All-In-One” Front Stage Loudspeaker

## Owner's Manual

*Congratulations!*

You are about to have a unique audio experience: the Mythos Solo XL “All-In-One” Front Stage Loudspeaker. Never before has style and function combined on this level to deliver the ultimate sound quality in the coolest looking speaker you could ever match to your flat screen television. This state-of-the-art loudspeaker features:

- High Definition Drivers and Pure Aluminum Dome Tweeters on unique canted baffles in completely separate enclosure segments, for more realistic imaging and superb front stage performance from a single, thin wall-mounted speaker.
- The groundbreaking Mythos look: hand-polished, aircraft grade aluminum enclosure: non-resonant and internally braced for lifelike sound quality.
- Heavy duty, easy to install Wall Mounting Brackets.
- Magnetic Shielding for safe placement near video monitors and TVs.
- Voice matched with the complete Mythos Series. Use Mythos Solo XL as the main front stage speaker in a system built with any other Mythos speakers used as rear surround elements (or use it with any brand of loudspeakers for that matter!).
- Combine Mythos Loudspeakers with Definitive Technology SuperCube Subwoofers to build super high performance Mythos sound systems for music or movies.

To ensure that you only experience the finest performance possible from your new speakers, we encourage you to take a moment (or a few) to read through this manual and familiarize yourself with the recommended hookup methods for these Mythos Loudspeakers.

## Unpacking Your Mythos Loudspeakers

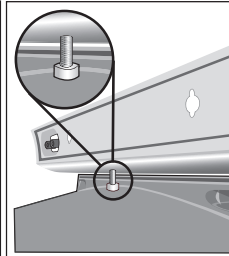
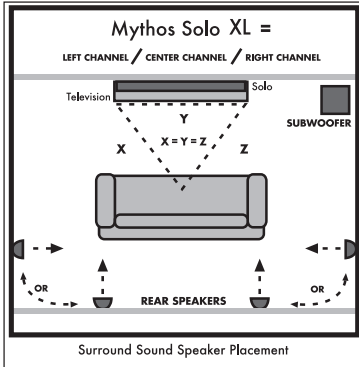
Each loudspeaker leaves our plant in perfect condition. Any visible or concealed damage is most likely to occur in handling and should be reported at once to your Definitive Technology Dealer or to the delivery company that delivered your loudspeakers. Save all cartons and packing material when you have unpacked your loudspeakers. They will do the best job of protecting your speakers if they need to be shipped or transported. Record the serial numbers found on the rear panels of your speakers in the appropriate place on your Warranty Cards and mail your Warranty Cards within 10 days of purchase.

## Installation, Setup and Placement Tips

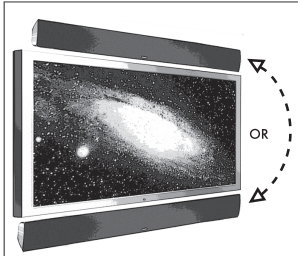
- Your speakers will work well with a variety of electronic components. As little as 20 watts (RMS) per channel will deliver adequate listening levels in most rooms. If you plan to play your system at loud listening levels, you'll be better served by more power.
- Damage to loudspeakers can occur when an amplifier, regardless of its wattage, is made to play at higher listening levels than its power can cleanly produce (usually beyond the "1 to 2 o'clock" position on the volume control). This can result in distortion, originating in the amplifier. If you hear distortion, turn it down!
- Break-in is very important with any high-end loudspeaker, including Definitive Technology speakers. While they sound great right out of the box, the sound quality of the speaker will change noticeably after the speaker has been played for a length of time (about 20 hours). There's no special procedure, just play 'em. Loud dynamic music with lots of highs and lots of bass will work its magic faster.

# Installation, Setup and Placement Tips

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Mythos Solo XL includes two Screw-On Mounting Feet that make it easy to balance and aim when placed on a shelf or directly upon a television.



Mythos Solo XL positioned for use as a Main (Front) Left, Center and Right Speaker directly under or above a wall-mounted flat screen television.

- Mythos Loudspeakers are engineered to excel when used with Definitive Technology SuperCube Subwoofers. SuperCubes deliver radical bass in compact stylish enclosures. Using a SuperCube will give you complete signal control and will result in greater dynamic range in stereo and home theater applications. See your authorized Definitive Technology Dealer to hear a SuperCube for yourself.
- Before performing any wire hookups, be sure to turn your electronics OFF.

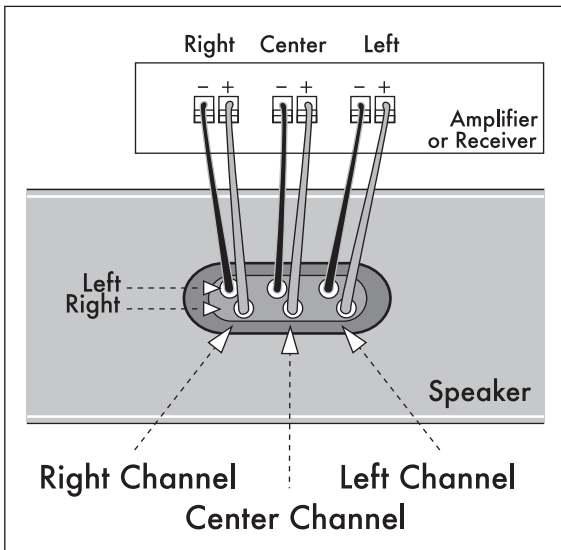
## Channel Balance & Bass Management

- Multichannel (Dolby Digital & DTS) receivers and processors have a critical Channel Balancing Procedure for each speaker and the subwoofer (connected via LFE or “Sub Out” low-level). This balancing procedure must be followed in order to ensure proper performance from your speakers. See your receiver/processor user’s manual for this information.
- Multichannel (Dolby Digital & DTS) receivers and processors also have Bass Management Procedures that help direct the correct frequencies to the correct speakers. Bass Management can vary from unit to unit. This frequency-setting procedure must be followed in order to ensure proper performance from your system. See your receiver/processor user’s manual for this information.

# Speaker Wire Connections

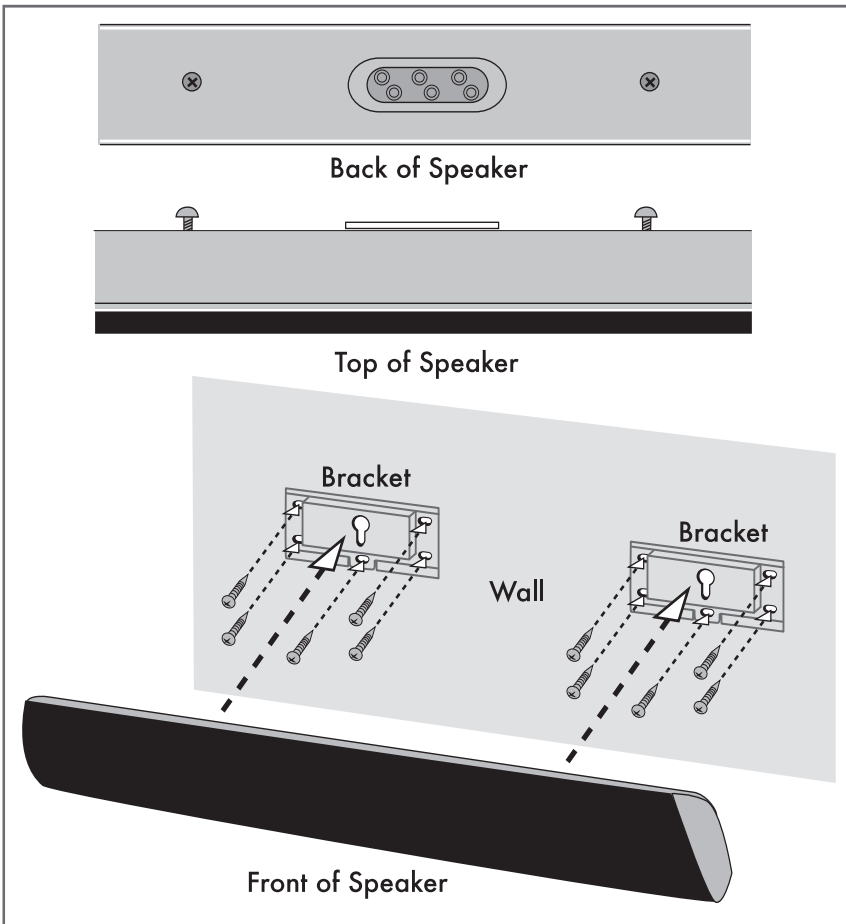
When making Speaker Wire connections, use high quality, large gauge speaker wire to ensure the best performance. Note that one of the input terminals on the rear of your loudspeakers is red (+) and the other is black (-). To ensure correct polarity, make certain that you connect wire from the red (+) terminal of your receiver to the red (+) terminal of your loudspeakers, and the wire from the black (-) terminal of your receiver to the black (-) terminal of your loudspeakers. Most speaker wire has indicator markings on one conductor to help you maintain consistency. If your sound seems “thin,” check your connections for correct polarity.

The Mythos Solo XL features three sets of speaker terminals, one per channel (left, center, right). Connect each to the appropriate output from your receiver.



# Preinstallation Notes

- We recommend that wall mounting of speakers be performed by professional installers or by those appropriately skilled in the use of power tools and the knowledge of building codes and structural issues.
- We recommend that you determine a suitable location for your speaker installation, and that you complete all wiring (especially “hidden” in-wall wiring) before mounting brackets to your walls.
- Mythos Brackets are not suitable for ceiling mounting.



## Wall Mounting Speakers Using The Mythos Bracket

The Mythos Solo XL Loudspeaker comes with dual custom designed wall mounting brackets and a wall template that makes secure mounting a breeze. The rear panel of the speaker features threaded inserts for the adjustable Mounting Screws (included). These Mounting Screws then fit easily into the Keyhole Slots on the Wall Mounting Brackets, also included. Follow these directions for installing the Wall Mounting Brackets.

- Use the Mounting Template (included) to make sure the location you have selected for wall-mounting does not conceal electrical wiring or plumbing. Make sure the speaker clears the ceiling, adjacent walls, corners, beams, lighting fixtures and door/window frames. Leave at least 1-1/2" above the speaker location to allow the speaker to slide down onto its brackets.
- Mark the location of pilot holes noted on the Mounting Template, and pre-drill for mounting screws (not included). Use screws rated to hold securely in the wall material (we recommend #10 screws).
- If there is no stud behind the chosen location, be certain to use wall anchors (not included) to secure the bracket screws. Follow the wall anchor manufacturer's directions.
- For masonry walls, use a masonry drill bit to pre-drill holes, and use #10 masonry anchors and screws (not included).
- When the Wall Mounting Brackets are securely screwed to the wall and you have pulled the three runs of wire (Left, Center and Right) through the Brackets as shown, insert the Mounting Screws into the rear panel of the speaker by removing the plastic plugs on the Mounting Screw Holes.
- Line up the speaker's protruding Mounting Screws with the keyhole slots on the Wall Mounting Brackets, and let the speaker slide straight down, allowing the screw heads to slip behind the smaller end of the keyhole slots for a secure mount.

## Troubleshooting

Don't panic! If you experience difficulties with your speakers, try the suggestions below. If you still have problems, contact your Authorized Definitive Technology Dealer for assistance.

- Make certain that all system connections and power cords are undamaged, and solidly and snugly in their places.
- Check that no foreign objects or liquid has entered the speaker enclosure.
- If you hear nothing and you're sure the system is set up properly, you must contact your Authorized Definitive Technology Dealer for assistance.
- You can also call Definitive Technology for assistance: 410-363-7148, visit [www.defintivetech.com](http://www.defintivetech.com), or email [info@defintivetech.com](mailto:info@defintivetech.com).

## Service Contact Info

Service and warranty work on your Definitive loudspeakers will normally be performed by the Definitive Technology dealer from whom you have purchased your loudspeakers. If, however, you wish to return the speaker to us, please contact us first, describing the problem and requesting authorization as well as the location of the nearest factory service center.

**Please note that the address given in this booklet is the address of our offices only. Under no circumstances should loudspeakers be shipped to our offices or returned without contacting us first and obtaining return authorization.**

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# Mythos Loudspeakers Specifications

## Mythos Solo XL

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| <b>Dimensions:</b>                | 5.4" H x 4.25" D x 46.22" W  |
| <b>Driver Complement:</b>         | Three 1" Aluminum Dome Tweeters<br>Six 4.5" Bass/Midrange Drivers<br>Two 4.5" Bass Radiators |
| <b>Frequency Response:</b>        | 50 Hz – 30 kHz   |
| <b>Efficiency:</b>                | 91 db  |
| <b>Nominal Impedance:</b>         | 4 – 8 ohms   |
| <b>Recommended Amplification:</b> | 20 – 250 Watts/channel   |



### **Limited Warranty: 5-Years for Drivers and Cabinets, 3-Years for Electronic Components**

Definitive Technology warrants to the original retail purchaser only that this Definitive Technology Loudspeaker Product (the "Product") will be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of five (5) years covering the drivers and cabinets, and three (3) years for the electronic components from the date of the original purchase from a Definitive Technology Authorized Dealer. However, this warranty will automatically terminate prior to the expiration of five (5) years for the drivers and cabinets and three (3) years for the electronic components if the original retail purchaser sells or otherwise transfers the Product to any other party. The original retail purchaser shall hereinafter be referred to as "you." Defective Products must be shipped, together with proof of date of purchase, prepaid insured to the Authorized Dealer from whom you purchased the Product, or to the nearest factory service center. Product(s) must be shipped in the original shipping container or its equivalent; in any case the risk of loss or damage in transit is to be borne by you. If, upon examination at the Factory or a Definitive Technology Authorized Dealer, it is determined that the unit was defective in materials or workmanship at any time during this Warranty period, Definitive Technology or the Definitive Technology Authorized Dealer will, at its option, repair or replace this Product at no additional charge, except as set forth below. All replaced parts and Product(s) become the property of Definitive Technology. Product(s) replaced or repaired under this Warranty will be returned to you, within a reasonable time, freight collect.

*This Warranty does not include service or parts to repair damage caused by accident, misuse, abuse, negligence, inadequate packing or shipping procedures, commercial use, voltage in excess of the rated maximum of the unit, cosmetic appearance of cabinetry not directly attributable to defects in materials or workmanship, or service, or repair or modification of the Product which has not been authorized by Definitive Technology. Definitive Technology makes no Warranty with respect to its Products purchased from dealers or outlets other than Definitive Technology Authorized Dealers. This Warranty is in lieu of all other expressed Warranties. If this Product is defective in material or workmanship as warranted above, your sole remedy shall be repair or replacement as provided above. In no event will Definitive Technology be liable to you for any incidental or consequential damages arising out of the use or inability to use the Product, even if Definitive Technology or a Definitive Technology Authorized Dealer has been advised of the possibility of such damages, or for any claim by any other party. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of consequential damages, so the above limitation may not apply to you.*

*All implied warranties on the Product are limited to the duration of this expressed Warranty. Some states do not allow limitation on how long an implied Warranty lasts, so the above limitations may not apply to you. This Warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you also may have other rights which vary from state to state.*



**This product complies with the essential requirements of EMC directives 89/336/EEC and 73/23/EEC (inclusive of 93/68/EEC) and carries the CE mark accordingly.**

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